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1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
Major Rush	Air Force
	CIA
	CIA (Chairman)

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2. The Chairman announced that in view of the gravity of the world situation he considered it obligatory on the Committee at this time to reexamine all aspects of the NIS Program with the objective of informing the DCI and the Chiefs of the Intelligence Agencies. It was pointed out that at the present scheduled rate of production, which is 8 NIS per year, it would take until 1957 to complete the NIS on the high priority areas of the world. Originally this portion of the program was scheduled for completion in 1952 on a planned production of 15 NIS per year. The present production objective of 8 NIS per year appeared possible of accomplishment until the start of the Korean conflict when diversions of production capabilities in the Service Agencies to meet operational requirements brought about a serious drop in NIS production. Actions were initiated in these agencies designed to restore production on an 8 NIS per year level. However, in view of the critical international situation there is a serious question that the production of 8 NIS per year is realistic. A heavy demand in the agencies since the start of the present emergency, which included approximately 470 specific requests in Navy, further emphasizes the need for the NIS. It appears probable, therefore, that actual requirements at this time may call for an expansion of the NIS production program to a degree that will ensure completion of NIS for the critical high priority areas in the next two fiscal years. In general terms this would mean the completion of NIS on about 45 areas and placing them on a maintenance basis by the end of fiscal year 1953. The acceleration of NIS production to meet requirements in the current situation is a matter for decision at higher policy levels. In order that there may be a sound basis for reaching a decision, it will be necessary for the NIS Committee to present all facts bearing on the problem. The Chairman stated that he would submit a special report on the NIS to the DCI shortly after 1 January 1951, and would include therein such recommendations as were appropriate. He asked that each member examine this problem in his own agency, particularly as to what would be required to gear the NIS Program realistically to the world situation.

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Members were requested to submit draft reports of their findings and recommendations for the consideration of the NIS Committee at the meeting scheduled for 27 December 1950. It was also requested that members give consideration to sending their reports on this matter to their own Chiefs of Intelligence at the same time as the Chairman submits his report to the DCI so that each IAC member would be fully informed of the NIS situation in his own agency should the matter be taken up on the Intelligence Advisory Committee.

3. The proposed revision of the FY 1951 Production Schedule was presented for consideration. It was pointed out that a further adjustment would be necessary in connection with Supplement V, which the Chairman undertook to work out with the Department of the Interior. Members were also informed of a number of sections in process of revision in the Agencies which had not been rescheduled in the proposed revision of the FY 1951 schedule. Members agreed to check on these sections and to notify D/Ba of those sections which should be included in this schedule. Subject to adjustment of the foregoing matters the revised FY 1951 Production Schedule was approved. In connection with the sections in process of revision which had not been rescheduled, the Army member stated that he had not been notified that these sections had been returned and consequently had no knowledge of their being back in his agency. It was agreed that hereafter the Committee members would be notified whenever sections were returned for revision.

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5. A proposal by the Chapter VII Coordinator for the assignment of responsibility for the preparation of subsections of Section 72, NIS 26 (USSR) was taken under consideration by the Committee. Final action on the proposal will be taken at the next meeting.

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6. The Army member reported that comments on Chapter XII of the revised Standard Instructions are nearing completion. With regard to comments on Chapter II he stated that unless agreement could be reached in the near future on the question of an additional section to cover air drop areas, Army would accept the present revised outline and make provision for coverage of air drop areas in general terms in the present Section 21.

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8. The Chairman informed the members that D/Ea was preparing a cross-reference index for the NIS which should prove useful as a guide for coordinating contributions in the producing stages. When completed, copies will be distributed to the members for comment.

9. The next meeting will be held on 19 December 1950 at CIA.

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